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To the Members of the Committee on Ways and Means:

I have taught as a part-time instructor at the Community College level for ten years.

I have had to work at three different colleges, in order to make a living.

Prior to teaching, I worked in occupations where I paid in to social security. Yet, now, as I approach retirement, I cannot collect on the Social Security I contributed to.

This is UNFAIR! I should not suffer a penalty for serving my students! The GPO and WEP discourage talented people from entering public service occupations.

I urge Congress to take immediate action to pass the Social Security Fairness Act (H.R. 235/S, 484), which would repeal the Government Pension Offset and Windfall Elimination Provision.

Retired educators, those still in the profession, and those seeking to enter the profession cannot wait any longer for action!

Sincerely,

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